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This instruction sets forth the Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) procedures for AFGSC aircraft conducting cross country/off station training sorties, aircraft delivery/pick-up, Programmed Depot Maintenance delivery and pick-up sorties. It implements AFGPD 11-2, *Aircraft Rules and Procedures*, dated 14 January 2005. The command's purpose for cross country sorties is to increase instrument and navigation flight proficiency through multiple instrument approaches, enroute navigation legs, and strange field operations.

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1. Authority:

1.1. Task cross-country/off station training sorties, aircraft delivery/pick-up, programmed depot maintenance (PDM) delivery/pick-up sorties through the appropriate squadron commander. Commanders will ensure the sortie is in the "direct interest of government business" and not perceived or generated solely for the transportation of personnel. Forward requests to the operations group commander (OG/CC) for final approval.

2. Procedures:

2.1. Units will determine the timeline and process for final OG/CC approval required for

aircrews to accomplish cross-country/off station training sorties, aircraft delivery/pick-up, and PDM delivery/pick-up sorties. Ensure aircrews include all waiver request messages in their request to the OG/CC. Participation in static displays and flyovers will be at OASD/PA approved locations only. Accomplish all flyovers IAW AFI 11-209_AFGSCSUP, *Aerial Event Policy and Procedure*. HQ AFGSC/A3 approval is required.

2.2. Once OG/CC approves the request, the squadron commanders will ensure aircrews review all aspects of weather, maintenance, crew rest, mission events, and airfield restrictions prior to their departure on the cross country/off station training sortie, aircraft delivery/pick-up, PDM delivery/ pick-up sortie. Aircrews will also review AFI 11-202V3_AFGSCSUP, *General Flight Rules*; and AFI 11-209_AFGSCSUP, *Aerial Event Policy and Procedures*, as applicable prior to departure.

2.3. Aircrews will ensure the destination airfield has adequate mission planning/briefing facilities for planning and briefing the return sortie(s). Ensure aircrews carry a sufficient supply of mission planning forms if the destination airfield lacks adequate mission planning facilities. Pre-take-off weather briefings will be IAW AFI 11-202V3_AFGSCSUP.

2.4. Aircrews will ensure that all enroute and destination airfield capabilities are IAW AFI 11-202V3_AFGSCSUP.

2.5. Aircrews will follow proper security procedures pertaining to the storage of classified materials and park aircraft in controlled/restricted areas if classified equipment is on board the aircraft.

2.6. Aircrews will ensure that the destination airfield runway, taxiways, and parking ramp are sufficient for the planned aircraft gross weight. Aircrews will ensure that compatible servicing equipment/ procedures are available at the destination airfield.

2.6.1. **(Bomber)** Ensure the destination airfield has a compatible published approach.

2.6.2. **(Bomber)** To the maximum extent possible, aircrews will fly Standard Instrument Departures and plan sorties into USAF/ANG/AFRC or joint usage bases.

2.7. Aircrews will ensure all flight maneuvers are IAW applicable technical orders, AFI 11-2MDS instructions, and governing AFIs as supplemented by AFGSC.

2.8. Aircrews should strive to accomplish AFI 11-2MDS, Volume 1, type training on all cross-country/off station training sorties.

3. T-38 Aircraft:

3.1. Prohibited Maneuvers:

3.1.1. Tactical departures.

3.1.2. Maximum performance climbs unless previously approved by OG/CC.

3.1.3. Departure/Enroute/Arrival fly-bys unless approved IAW AFI 11-209.

4. Bombers:

4.1. Prohibited Maneuvers:

4.1.1. Practice Emergency War Order departures.

4.1.2. Departure/Enroute/Arrival fly-bys unless approved IAW AFI 11-209.

5. UH-1Ns:

5.1. Prohibited Maneuvers:

5.1.1. IAW T.O 1H-1(U) N-1 and AFI 11-2UH-1N, Volume 3.

5.1.2. Departure/Enroute/Arrival fly-bys unless approved AFGSC/A3.

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